

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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**DAILY REMINDER: Social Distancing is Everyone's Responsibility**  
**Remember Social Distancing applies at break times too. Stagger breaks as much as possible. Be particularly careful in canteen and rest areas. Do not encroach someone's 2m space.**

## **Update on COVID vaccination**

The COVID-19 vaccination programme gets underway tomorrow (Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December), when the vaccine will be given initially to vaccinators and infection control staff, before being rolled out to frontline healthcare workers and care home staff.

It is intended that care home residents will also start receiving the vaccine shortly thereafter.

We are following Scottish Government advice and prioritising those who are most at risk. This first element of the programme will continue until the end of January.

If you are identified as a priority to be offered the vaccine within this first phase, you will be contacted by your line manager and advised how to book.

This week the vaccine will be given at a clinic at NHS Louisa Jordan. From next week, additional community venues will begin to come on stream.

Welcoming the arrival of the first supplies of the Pfizer BioNtech vaccine, Dr Linda de Caestecker, Director of Public Health, said: "Seeing the first delivery of COVID-19 vaccines in our area will be a very welcome sight. While it will be a huge logistical challenge in rolling out vaccination, this is a real stepping stone in bringing an end to the pandemic.

"I'd urge those eligible in this first wave to take-up the COVID-19 vaccine and for others to please be patient as we work through priority groups in line with the vaccine that we have available to us and the settings in which the vaccine needs to be delivered.

"I would also ask people to keep following the FACTS around coronavirus. There is still a long winter ahead of us so protect yourself, your loved ones and the NHS."

For more information on the COVID vaccination programme, go to [NHS Inform](#).

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